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record within ten business days after such removal.

- (b) Copies of price announcements. The importer must keep a copy of each general announcement that is issued internally or to the trade about establishment or change of large cigar sale prices. If the copy does not show the actual date when issued it must be annotated to show this information.
- (c) Copies of entry and withdrawal forms. The importer must keep a copy of each customs entry or withdrawal form on which internal revenue tax for large cigars is declared pursuant to §41.81.
- (d) Alternative record. If an importer has so few import transactions and/or brands and sizes of large cigars that retention of an appropriate copy of each entry and withdrawal form required under paragraph (c) of this section will provide an adequate record of sale prices, then the record required under paragraph (a) of this section need not be kept. In such case the entry and withdrawal forms must identify the brands and sizes of cigars covered and show the corresponding quantity and sale price for each. If such information was not originally entered on the form it may be included by annotation. Whenever the appropriate TTB officer finds that alternative records being kept pursuant to this paragraph are inadequate for the intended purpose, he or she may so notify the importer in writing, after which time the importer must keep the record required under paragraph (a) of this section.

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[T.D. ATF-420, 64 FR 71944, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

§41.182 Availability of records.

The records required under §41.181 shall be kept by the importer at his usual place of business unless otherwise authorized in writing by the appropriate TTB officer, and shall be made available for inspection by the appropriate TTB officer upon his re-

quest. (For retention period, see §41.22.)

[T.D. ATF-40, 42 FR 5007, Jan. 26, 1977. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

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Source: T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999, unless otherwise noted.

§41.190 Persons required to qualify.

Any person who engages in the business as an importer of tobacco products must qualify as an importer of tobacco products in accordance with the provisions of this part. Any person eligible for the exemption in §41.50 is not engaged in the business as an importer of tobacco products.

Persons importing tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes for personal use, in such quantities as may be allowed by Customs without payment of tax, do not require an importer's permit.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

§41.191 Application for permit.

Except as provided in §41.192, every person, before commencing business as an importer of tobacco products as defined in §41.11, must make application for, and obtain, the permit provided by this subpart K. Such application must be made on TTB Form 5230.4, according to the instructions for the form. All documents required under this part to be furnished with such application must be made a part thereof.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

§41.192 Transitional rule.

Any person who-

- (a) Was engaged in the business as an importer of tobacco products before January 1, 2000, and
- (b) Who files an application with TTB before January 1, 2000, may continue to import tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes pending action on